

PATENT APPLICATION
Docket Number: CRD0461


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| Inventor: | Hurtak, Mous, Nap |
| Serial Number: | 09/424,440 |
| PCT No.: | PCT/US98/10864 |
| Int. Filing Date: | 28 May 1988 |
| Title: | Glass Core Guidewire Compatible With Magnetic Resonance Having Reinforcing Fibers |
| Group Art Unit: | 5611 |
| PCT Examiner: | Leonard E. Smith |

**RENEWED PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(a)**

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Sir:

In response to the Decision on Petitions Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 and 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) dated April 30, 2003 regarding the patent application identified above, please review and grant the following petition.

The Examiner objected that "a statement for Mr. de Tiege or someone else with first hand knowledge of the facts would be required." Attached is such a statement.

In this letter Mr. de Tiege states in part:

"I forwarded these documents (including the patent application identified above and the Declaration and Power of Attorney) to each of the co-inventors Hurtak, Mous, and Nap.

Regarding Mr. Nap in particular, he returned the documents (including the patent application identified above and the Declaration and Power of Attorney) to me unsigned, with a letter in Dutch, refusing to sign the document."

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), and the granting of Applicant's petition.

Respectfully submitted,
Attorney for Applicants

Date: May 28, 2003

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From: Michel de Tiege

To: Leonard Smith
PCT Legal Examiner
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Subject: Application of HURTAK, Wenzel Franz, et al.
U.S. Application No.: 09/424,440
PCT No.: PCT/US98/10864
Inter. Filing Date: 28 May 1998
Priority Date: 06 June 1997
Attorney Docket No.: CRD0461
For: "Glass Core Guidewire Compatible With Magnetic
Resonance Having Reinforcing Fibers"

Attached is a letter addressed to me from Michael Montgomery dated August 30, 1999, which enclosed a copy of the patent application identified above and a Declaration and Power of Attorney. In response to this letter, I forwarded these documents (including the patent application identified above and the Declaration and Power of Attorney) to each of the co-inventors Hurtak, Mous, and Nap.

Regarding Mr. Nap in particular, he returned the documents (including the patent application identified above and the Declaration and Power of Attorney) to me unsigned, with a letter in Dutch, refusing to sign the document.


A copy of this letter is attached, as well as an English translation. I then forwarded the letter to Michael Montgomery.


Michel de Tiege

Dated: 12 May 2003

Memorandum

Cordis
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Date: August 30, 1999
To: Michel de Tiege
From: Michael W. Montgomery 
Subject: Patent Cooperation Treaty Application
"Glass Core Guidewire Compatible With
Magnetic Resonance Having Reinforcing Fibers"
Your Ref: IR-274
Our Ref.: CRD0461-PCT
Inventors: Hurtak, Mous, Nap

Please have the inventors review the enclosed application, then sign and date the Declaration and Power of Attorney which will be submitted during the National processing phase of this application and return all documents to me at your earliest convenience.

Also, enclosed is the Assignment for filing with the PCT which requires the inventor's signature and date. Please have a Notary notarize this document with his statement and affix with the stamp of Apostille.

Enclosures

Zevenhuizen, 11 September 1999

Cordis Europa N.V.
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Dear Michel,

Enclosed I return the documents you sent me to sign.

Considering the differences in procedures Cordis is using with respect to patent applications and the processing of the same, I decided not to satisfy your request to sign the document.

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Sincerely yours,

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Beste Michel,

Hierbij de mij ter ondertekening gestuurde papieren retour.

Gezien de verschillen in afhandeling die Cordis m.b.t. patentaanvragen en de afwikkeling daarvan hanteert, heb ik besloten niet aan jouw verzoek tot ondertekening te voldoen.

Het is m.i. onjuist om in deze onderscheid te maken tussen werknemers en ex-werknemers.

Met vriendelijke groet,


Cees Nap

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March 04, 2003

Mr. Mike Neas
Special Program Examiner
United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Re: Serial No. 09/424,440
Inter. Filing Date: 28 May 1998
Our Reference: CRD0461
"Glass Core Guidewire Compatible With
Magnetic Resonance Having Reinforcing Fibers"


Dear Mr. Neas,

We are resending our response to a Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) dated 11 May 2000.

As requested, the following is a true copy of what was originally filed via Express mail on June 9, 2000. Also, the postcard returned back from the PTO date stamped Rec'd PCT/PTO.

If you require further documentation regarding this Renewed Petition, please do not hesitate to telephone me at 786-313-2922.

Best regards,


Michael Montgomery
Attorney for Applicants

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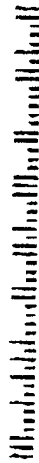
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Sir:

In response to the Decision on Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) dated May 11, 2000 regarding the patent application identified above, please review and grant the following petition.

The Examiner objected that the earlier petition required a one-month extension. However, the petition was sent by fax from the Phoenix International Airport at 2:44 pm local time on February 22, 2000. A copy of the receipt from the fax service is attached, indicating the correct date and time of transmission. Accordingly, the internal date and time settings of the fax

machine, which the undersigned did not see or control, were incorrect. Applicants therefore submit that a one-month extension was not required.

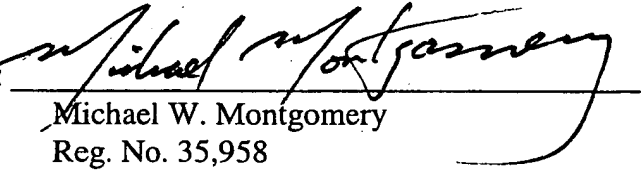
The Examiner also objected that the earlier petition failed to mention that a copy of the present application was sent to the inventors with the Declaration and Power of Attorney on August 30, 1999. Such a copy of the present application was actually sent to Mr. Nap on August 30, 1999. A copy of the cover letter that was sent, referring to the "enclosed application" is enclosed.

The Examiner also objected that the petition fee was not paid. Applicants agree and confirm the charge to our Deposit Account 10-750 for the petition fee.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), and the granting of Applicant's petition.

Respectfully submitted,
Attorney for Applicants

By:


Michael W. Montgomery
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Date: June 9, 2000

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Memorandum

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Date: August 30, 1999

To: Michel de Tiege

From: Michael W. Montgomery 

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| Filed: | November 23, 1999 |
| Title: | Glass Core Guidewire Compatible With Magnetic Resonance Having Reinforcing Fibers |
| Group Art Unit: | 5611 |
| Examiner: | L. Hunter |

PETITION UNDER
37 CFR §1.47

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. §371 dated January 19, 2000, regarding the patent application identified above, please review and grant the following petition:

37 C.F.R. § 1.47: Filing when an Inventor refuses to sign or cannot be reached.

According to 37 C.F.R. §1.47:

"If a joint inventor refuses to join in an application for patent... the application may be made by the other inventor on behalf of himself or herself and the non-signing inventor."

The parent of the present application was originally filed on June 6, 1997 in the Netherlands as application number 1006254, on behalf of the following joint inventors:

1. Wenzel Franz Hurtak;
2. Frans Mous; and
3. Cornelis Philipus Nap

The present PCT application was filed on May 28, 1998, on behalf of the same inventors.

Messrs. Mous and Hurtak have properly signed the Declaration and Power of Attorney for the present application. However, Mr. Nap has refused to sign the same document.

Background:

Mr. Nap began his employment with the assignee on July 18, 1977 and ended his employment with the assignee on November 1, 1998. His employment agreement in Dutch is attached, as well as an English translation of the relevant part, Paragraph 10. This provision states:

"You will cede to the Company all rights to patent applications in respect of all inventions made by you during the term of this Contract in which the Company may have any interest and in respect of which the right to apply for a patent does not rest with the Company pursuant to article 10 of the Patents Act."

During that time, Mr. Nap signed a PCT General Power of Attorney on April 2, 1998, a copy of which is enclosed.

The present Declaration and Power of Attorney was sent to the inventors on August 30, 1999. Messrs. Hurtak and Mous signed and dated these documents on September 2 and 20, 1999, respectively.

However, Mr. Nap returned the documents unsigned, and enclosed the attached letter in Dutch dated September 11, 1999, a translation of which is also attached. This letter states in relevant part:

"I decided not to satisfy your request to sign the document."

The present national phase application was then filed on November 23, 1999.

On February 7, 2000, the undersigned sent the attached letter confirming Mr. Nap's refusal to sign the Declaration, a copy of which is attached. No response has been received.

As required under 37 C.F.R. §1.47, the last known address of Mr. Nap is: Oude Streek
10, 9345 AG, Zevenhuizen, The Netherlands.

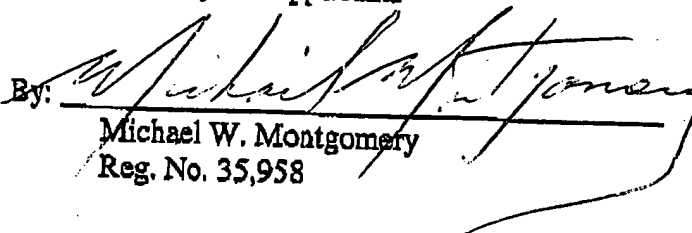
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47, and the
retention of the filing date in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,
Attorney for Applicants

Date: February 22, 2000

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